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DECEMBER 2017 UPDATE

Honolulu City Lights

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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Dec. 6

Full Council	9 am
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Jan. TBA

Public Safety	9 am
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Parks	10 ³⁰ am
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Executive Matters	1pm
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Jan. TBA

Budget	9am
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Public Works	1pm
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Zoning and Housing	9 am
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BEDT	1 pm
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Planning	2 ³⁰ pm
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For over 30 years, the City and County of Honolulu and the Friends of Honolulu City Lights have continued the annual Christmas tradition of lighting up Honolulu Hale. Starting Saturday, Dec. 2, through Monday, Jan. 1, the Honolulu City Lights event begins with a tree lighting ceremony featuring the famous Shaka Santa lounging with Tutu Mele in front of the City Hall fountain, numerous exhibits of Christmas trees decorated by each of the City departments and a community wreath exhibit made by local artisans and participants, themed "Merry Menagerie!" Food, keiki rides, souvenir

vendors as well as multiple activities and events will take place throughout the month.

The theme of this year's event is "It's a Zoo Out There," with 56 new animal-themed ornaments adorning the city's 50-foot holiday tree. The holiday celebration continues throughout the month of December featuring several special events to delight island families. The Honolulu City Lights will be open daily from 8am to 11pm and will run through January 1, 2018. It is a "must see" tradition for thousands of residents and visitors alike.



Kaneohe Christmas Parade



Kaneohe town rang in the holiday season with its historic annual parade from Windward Mall to Castle High School on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The parade was sponsored by the Kaneohe Christmas Parade Committee and had roughly 2,800 marchers, 56 vehicles, 23 floats, and 7 bands as participants.

Each year, the Kaneohe Christmas Parade marches along the following route: from Haiku Road and Alaloe, makai on Haiku Road, right on Kamehameha Highway (remaining in the Honolulu-bound lanes until Hoene Place intersection). The parade then crosses over to the Kahaluu-bound lanes of Kamehameha Highway, left on Kaneohe Bay Drive, and right into Castle High School parking lot.

Kaneohe Senior Center Open House



Councilmember Anderson joined with the Windward side legislators to help celebrate the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center's 40th Open House Celebration. This event was a rare opportunity for the senior's to showcase the various activities offered at the center with class performances such as; zumba, ballroom dance, hula, ukulele and guitar as well as an art display to exhibit the numerous art pieces created by the seniors from available art classes such as; ceramics, painting, quilting, sewing and Hawaiian language.

The senior center is a City & County of Honolulu Department of Parks & Recreation program that provides a variety of social, educational, recreational and physical fitness programs for senior citizens. It serves as a welcoming place in Kaneohe that families and seniors can visit not only in a time of need, but as a part of everyday life, to gather resources, participate in strengthening activities and to develop a greater sense of belonging within their community.

2018 Real Property Tax Information

Each year, it is extremely important that you review your property tax assessment especially with the creation of the "Residential A" classification. If you do find an error, please make sure to file for an appeal.

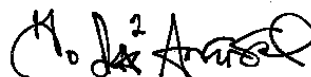
One of the first steps in preparing the City's annual budget is revenue forecasting. The City's main source of revenue remains property taxes, which are set by an annually-adjusted tax rate multiplied by the property value. The first step is determining the values of all taxable property within the City & County of Honolulu. Starting the week of December 15, 2017 the City will begin mailing out the annual property assessment notices. These notices provide the property owner with information relating to what exemptions, if any, the property is entitled to and what the overall taxable value of the property is for the upcoming fiscal year.

Regarding the assessments, an owner's estimated tax obligation is shown but this notice is not a bill. The rate will not be set until mid-2018 when the City Council finalizes the budget. This is actually a notice of how the city will value your home for purposes of the 2018 property tax. If you disagree with the appraisal, you must take the following steps:

1. You have until January 15, 2018 to file an appeal.
2. For an appeal based on overvaluation, you need to get independent proof that your home is overvalued. You can go on the City's webpage (www.honolulupropertytax.com) to view the values of neighboring properties that may have been used as comparison to set your assessment. You should provide factual information that those properties are not comparable.
3. You can appeal your assessment on one of four bases: 1) If you determine that your home is valued at at least 10% more than its real value, or 2) Lack of uniformity or inequality, brought about by illegality of the methods used or error in the application of the methods to the property involved, or 3) denial of an exemption to which the taxpayer is entitled and for which such person has qualified, or 4) illegality, on any ground arising under the Constitution or laws of the United States or the laws of the State or the ordinances of the City in addition to the ground of illegality of the methods used mentioned in clause 2.
4. To file an appeal to be reviewed by one of the City's board of reviews, you must submit an appeal form, which is usually enclosed with your property assessment notice. If your notice did not include one or you misplace it, you can obtain the form at www.honolulu.gov/rpa or by contacting the Real Property Assessment office at 527-5539. In submitting your appeal you must include the parcel ID and the reason for appeal. The cost of an appeal to the board of review is \$50, is non-refundable and must be included with your appeal. Lastly, the appeal must be signed by the owner. If someone is appealing on behalf of the owner, written authorization stating such must also be included. Additional information on appeals to the State Tax Appeals Court is available on the above website.
5. **YOU MUST STILL PAY YOUR TAXES EVEN IF YOU HAVE A PENDING APPEAL!** Even if you have submitted an appeal, you must still pay your taxes. Any adjustments made by the appeal board will be credited.
6. If you have a pending appeal and your property's value has not changed, the City will automatically file an appeal on your behalf. However, if your value has changed **YOU MUST FILE A NEW APPEAL!**

Your actual property tax bill will be based on your assessment minus your exemptions (currently \$80,000 for homeowners under age 65 and \$120,000 for those older than 65) times the property tax rate set by the Council in June.

For more information please visit: www.realpropertyhonolulu.com. Through this website you can register to receive your annual assessment notice electronically, access and download various forms and get important information on things like the appeal process. Malama Pono,



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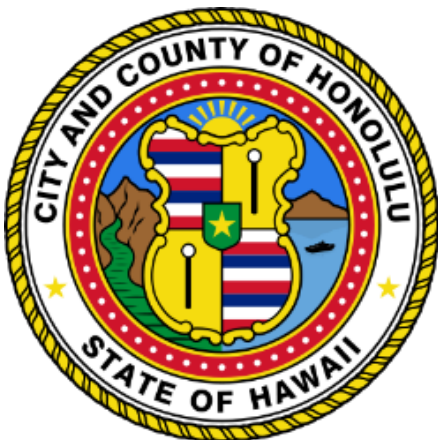
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Honolulu Fire Department Honorees

The Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) periodically recognizes exceptional service for valiant acts performed by members of the department and community with Certificates of Commendation from HFD and Proclamations from the Honolulu City Council. The richness and viability of our island state, created in part by our preservation of our beloved "Aloha Spirit," is largely a result of the selfless efforts of civic minded individuals who by their actions have helped their neighbors, improved their communities and risk so much for the betterment of all.

Alan Texeira, Community Affairs Director for the Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson, was honored to represent the Councilmember in recognizing and thanking these heroes from the City Council's 3rd district for their willingness to put their lives on the line in order to

come to another person's aid. Their selfless decision has truly made a difference:

- Fire Fighter Patrick Hepton was honored for his determination in locating an unresponsive patient and getting them the appropriate assistance.
- Fire Fighter Gregory Eckart was honored for assisting a lone kayaker in distress and escorting them to shore and emergency personnel.
- Fire Fighter Mark Estioko was honored for performing CPR on an unresponsive swimmer until emergency responder's arrival.
- Mr. Mackenzie Young was honored along with 5 other residents for responding to a light aircraft's crash landing. They worked together to evacuate and provide medical care prior to the arrival of emergency responders.



Clean Water & Natural Lands Fund

The Department of Budget and Fiscal Services is accepting applications for the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund through December 29. The Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund (0.5% of the estimated Real Property Taxes each fiscal year) was created to purchase or otherwise acquire real estate or any interest for land conservation on O'ahu for the following purposes: protection of watershed lands to preserve water quality and water supply; preservation of forests, beaches, coastal areas and agricultural lands; public outdoor recreation and education, including access to beaches and mountains; preservation of historic or culturally important land areas and sites; protection of significant habitats or ecosystems, including buffer zones; conservation of land to

reduce erosion, floods, landslides, and runoff; and acquisition of public access to public land and open space.

A recent Charter Amendment adopted in November of 2016 charges the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services with the responsibility of receiving proposals for the use of these funds and submitting qualified proposals to a seven member Clean Water and Natural Lands Advisory Commission, which then makes recommendations to the City Council for approval. O'ahu voters supported an amendment to the City Charter in last year's election mandating the creation of this new commission. Instructions and applications can be obtained at www.honolulu.gov/cwnl.

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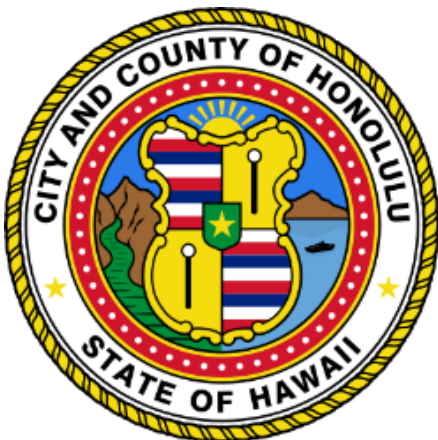
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